

beet root sugar, why not on cheese, butter and every article produced in the country? If you do so you are going to find that the revenue of \$36,000,000 a year is by no means going to be sufficient to run the country when you have arrived at a development of a policy of that kind and try to regulate an equal distribution of the profits of labour by legislation. The people will have to put their hands in their pockets and submit to an extra taxation of \$20,000,000 or \$25,000,000 a year according to the growth and development of the policy. Therefore, I have risen in my place here to hold out a warning voice in order that this policy may not be pursued any further unless the same benefits are accorded to the Canadian people themselves. A more wholesome policy than that of giving rebates on exports is open to the people of Canada—that is the entire abolition of duties on the necessaries of life and all that enters into the industries of the people, whether it be coal oil, iron, cotton, sugar or any of those articles that we require and that are now highly protected by the protective duties imposed during the past seventeen years. Of course there is no doubt about it that the question of revenue enters into any discussion with regard to the question that I am now bringing before the House. It is therefore necessary for me to outline some idea as to how the revenue may be raised before I can justify the position that I am taking. Hon. gentlemen, when I have before discussed this question of free trade, have asked, how are you going to raise the revenue, and that has always been to the people of Canada a very serious matter. As one gentleman said to me, show me how you are going to raise a revenue under free trade and I will vote for it, but I cannot see how a revenue is to be raised under the system that you suggest.

Hon. Mr. POWER—If the hon. gentleman will excuse me, this subject which he proposes to deal with now is very interesting and important, but I cannot see that it has any direct connection with the notice that he has given.

Hon. Mr. KAULBACH—We ought to hear the hon. gentleman out. He is going to show us how he is going to get a revenue under free trade.

Hon. Mr. POWER—The hon. gentleman from Shell River must see this, that however

pleased we might be to listen to him for some time, we would not, perhaps, be so willing to have the hon. gentleman from Lunenburg and some other hon. gentlemen rising to make speeches on the general question of free trade and protection when the hon. gentleman sits down, as they will have a right to do.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Or to receive a lecture from the senior member from Halifax.

Hon. Mr. BOULTON—I was particularly anxious to have a free discussion of this question in its relation to revenue and I consulted with my hon. friend from Halifax (who on matters of procedure is a good authority) how it was best to get it before the House, so that I might not be confined. The hon. gentleman will see that the question of revenue is involved in a matter of this kind because there has to be something to replace the revenue loss to the country by the adoption of free trade.

Hon. Mr. POWER—That is perfectly proper.

Hon. Mr. BOULTON—The rebate of duties means that certain articles come into the country paying a duty and when they go out of the country again these duties are refunded. I happen to know that there are 150 binders manufactured, by the Massey Mfg. Co. ready for export to Russia. The government is called upon to pay any duties that may have entered into the construction of those 150 binders.

Hon. Mr. MACINNES (Burlington)—You mean dutiable goods?

Hon. Mr. BOULTON—Yes. The government will return to them the money that the Massey Company paid on the articles entering into those exports. It brings the question of revenue prominently before the House in the discussion of this question. I wish to show how a revenue can be raised to replace these rebates on exports and rebates of duties not only for the people of Russia but for the people of Canada as well. I do not expect the government is going to make any relaxation or change in their policy unless they know how they can replace the revenue in